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Examiner: FOX, John C.

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For: FLUID CONTROL APPARATUS

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
GROUP ART UNIT 3753**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2003, finally rejecting the single claim in the above-identified application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection of the claim under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kumada, particularly in view of the amendment hereof:

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